

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 5/05/2024

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Scripture Lessons: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

We are called to the greatest commandment: to abide in God’s love and to love one another as God has loved us—not as servants, but as friends. (Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit: “My Tribute”**

All: To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.

Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Donald C. Watkins.....Pastor
Cathy Higgins..... Administrative Assistant
Joni Mattei..... Music Director
Dan Bozym..... Organist
Thad Balsley, Allen Latherow.....Acolytes
Steve Cherep.....Worship Leader

Attendance for April 28, 2024: 48
Offering for April 28, 2024: \$2,076.40

There is a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to volunteer for the upcoming Roast Beef dinner on June 1. Many hands are needed to make it a success, so please sign the sheet if you would like to help.

A Pirate game sign-up sheet is on the back table. Today is the deadline to sign up to go to the August 3 game.

Stop in Fellowship Hall after church and see the Rada kitchen knives and dishcloths that are for sale.

There will be a Consistory meeting on Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the library.

“God is still speaking . . .”

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance:

Whenever we are afraid or overwhelmed, we have only to remember these truths. God’s love is the greatest power of all. God’s mercy is there for every one of us. God’s grace is present every moment of our lives. Amen.

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: As God has loved us, so shall we love each other. As Christ has called us friends, so we have become friends to one another. Let us abide in God’s love together now, sharing both friendship and peace. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also, with you!

(Let us lovingly pass our greetings and wish peace on each other!)

Anthem “Holy Manna”

New Testament Lesson: Acts 10: 44-48

2nd New Testament Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

***Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17**

Sermon: “Called to Love!”

**Hymn of Preparation: “Let Us Break Bread Together”
#330 NCH (vs.1&2)**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel, medical workers and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer: “Hear our prayer, O God”

All: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering:

The Holy Spirit’s gifts have been poured into our hearts and our lives. In response, let us share these blessings for the good of God’s people.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:
Offering Music *Offertory Response: “Doxology”

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

**O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts
and graces you bring to our lives. We give you thanks for your
steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift
of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and
love as we have been loved. Amen.**

***Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
#43 NCH (vs. 1,3,4)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: People of God, abide in God’s love. May God’s love and
faithfulness flow through you, even to the ends of the earth. Let all of
God children join and say together,
All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “He Lives” (Refrain)**

**All: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me
and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives, he lives,
salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives
within my heart.**

***Postlude**

***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: Sing to our God a new song,
P: for God has done wondrous things.
L: The Holy One’s might is not found in destruction,
P: but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.
L: These gifts are not for us alone,
P: they are for one and all.
L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
P: Break forth into songs of praise.
L: Let all creation praise the Lord.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

**God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us—into our hearts,
into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within
us—in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our
being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand.
We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you,
this day and all days. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
#292 NCH (vs.1-3)**

Prayer of Yearning: (Unison)

**O God, you are bigger than the world, bigger than our fears, bigger
even than our folly. We are grateful for the immensity of your love,
even when it sometimes scares us. When the immensity of your love
frightens us, we long to return to you in hope. When we want to
make you smaller—small enough that we can hold you—help us see
beyond our narrow vision. Remind us again, O God, that you will
always find and hold us, for your heart is big enough to hold the
whole world, including us. Teach us once more that we will always
grow when we love others as we love you. Amen.**